The Woman's Page

LONDON HAPPENINGS

TOWN AND COUNTRY WEDDINGS: OPEN-AIR ENTERTAINING: THE QUEEN'S GARTER MANTLE

By "Mary Anne"

London, June 8.

Twelve hundred guests will attend two brilliant wedding parties to-day—one in Town and one in the country.

Nearly 600 people are expected at No. 144, Piccadilly after the marriage of Lady Allendale's brother, Mr. Victor Seely, and Miss Mary Collins.

Over 600 people will go down to Lord Jersey's "red-bricked pleasaunce," Osterley Park, for the reception there after the marriage of his sister, Lady Ann Child-Villiers, and Mr. A. H. Elliot, at the little country church of Heston.

At Osterley Park

Memories of the brilliant parties of Victorian days, given by the bride's grandmother, the Dowager Countess of Jersey, will be recalled by to-day's reception.

A touch of Ascot pageantry will be provided by the ethereal frocks and widebrimmed hats chosen by wedding guests.

In the walks by the lake where Mr. Joseph Chamberlain used to row in a top hat, and in the avenues known to Elizabethans and at later periods to Horce Walpole and Robert Browning, guests from Town will enjoy an afternoon in the country.

Wedding Cake Innovation

Problems of the crowded wedding buffet have been solved by the bride's mother, Lady Cynthia Slessor. She is having a 50ft-long buffet, more than twice the usual length, placed in the gallery. In addition there will be small round tables in the dining room.

A new fashion will be set by this bride—that of having the wedding cake surmounted by a model in sugar of the family seat. The nearest approach to this substitute for the usual spray of white flowers was the hunting scene on the cake at the Hon. Lavinia Strutt's wedding to the Duke of Norfolk.

An all-white cake has been designed by the Mayfair Caterers. The wooden stand pillars and model of Osterley Park on top of the two tiers are all iced in white.

Practical Gifts

Lady Ann is one of the practical modern brides who has asked her friends to give her presents for her future home.

When they return from their honeymoon abroad Mr. Elliot and his bride will settle into the house which they have taken in Southwick Street, and Lady Ann will start to arrange the furniture she has been given.

Her grandmother has given her household linen. Lord and Lady Leigh, her great uncle and great

SUMMER CHARM

Miss Josephine Hutchinson wears a flattering wide-brimmed leghorn hat atop a jumper frock of black frilled crepe with a dainty lingerie blouse.

aunt, have given her a dinner service, and Lady Cynthia Colville's present is a flowered lustre bowl.

From her fiance Lady Ann has received long earrings composed of sapphires—her favourite stones—and diamonds, which will match her engagement ring.

Lady Cynthia Slessor has given her daughter a dressing case and a diamond and sapphire ring, and Mrs. Elliot's present is a brooch set with diamonds, saphires and pearls, which can be made into two clips.

Cool-Looking Decorations

Dances, parties and balls made last night exceptionally gay even in this season of Monday night entertaining.

Over 200 guests went to Lady Hadfield's house in Carlton House Terrace last night to a musical party.

A canopy had been built out over the balcony for the occasion. Inside the house great groups of white summer flowers and greenery made a cool-looking scheme on the warm night. There were four of these in the drawing room on the first floor, where the concert was given.

Among the guests were many members of the Diplomatic Corps and their wives.

Open-Air Entertaining

A bank of young married women have set themselves—in this age of outdoor pursuits—to bring back the open-air social life of a hundred years ago.

Lady Gloria Fisher, Lady Ratendone, Mrs. Roland Robinson, Lady Grenfell and Mrs. Mark Pilkington are among those who have interested themselves in an inquiry as to possible centres of open-air entertaining in modern London.

Parties in the squares are not practicable. The inquiry has revealed this. Two difficulties in the way are the fact that the consent of residents would have to be obtained and large kitchens built for the occasion.

Zoo As Best Choice

Hostesses are agreed that a good supper is essential to the success of the modern evening party.

This group of "young marrieds" have decided that the Zoo is the best choice of a centre for the revival of open-air entertaining. They will meet to-day at Lady Gloria Fisher's new house in Eaton-place to discuss the Zoo Ball on July 6.

Coloured floodlighting, moonlight effects and animal "side-shows" by night-loving creatures, including the chimphanzees and elephants, will add interest to this ball.

A Week of Dances

Ascot week of the Coronation season is to create a new record for dances.

The week opens with three débutante dances and the "Guests of the Empire" ball, all planned for next

MODERNISTIC FLOWERS

decorate this formal gown in white waffle pique worn by Miss Myrna Loy. Red grosgrain ribbon edges the puffed sleeves and is repeated on the square neckline. The full sweeping skirt adds an additional note of formality.

Monday. Lady Hambleden, Lady Bective and Mrs. Farquharson of Invercauld are among hostesses bringing large parties on June 14 to Claridge's, where Coronation visitors will dance at the "Guests of the Empire" ball. They will also watch dancing by members of the caste of Balalaika during the cabaret.

A "flying squad" of junior committee members, organized by Miss Marjorie Clarke, niece of Lady Bective, will take prizes and gifts for the side-shows down to the ballroom on the day of the dance.

How to Eat A Mango

Mangoes from Bombay and also from Jamaica are one of the fruit offers of the moment. There are still many people who do not know how to treat this tropical fruit properly, and others who refrain from enjoying it because they recall the old Anglo-Indian joke that the best place to eat a mango is in the bath. For their information I give the following expert directions: Slice off each cheek, as fat as possible, leaving the centre or stone section alone. Eat with a teaspoon, and later you can tackle the centre section with your fingers if you feel so inclined, and have a finger bowl handy.

For parties mangoes may be sliced or cut into salads with cream. Indians say you should drink milk with them, but doctors believe that the old association of mangoes with boils in India is merely due to the fact both arrive at the same time of the year.

Finally, don't eat any mango tasting "turpentiney" or overripe fruit. Ice before eating if possible.

Copper Coloured Gown

A Copper-Coloured wedding gown will be worn by a July bride. Miss Elizabeth Coates, daughter of Sir Clive and Lady Celia Coates, who is marrying Mr. William Harris at Southwark Cathedral on July 15, has chosen for her bridal gown moiré shot with gold. The fabric gives out a coppery light, and the dress has an unusual apron train, separate from the skirt, and is joined on at the back of the waist under a belt of the material. The train extends for about 2½ yards on the ground. Over this will fall her veil of tulle tinted to the same colour.

At Argyll House

Apricot will be worn by Miss Coates's attendants; this, indeed, is the only colour which goes with her wedding gown. She is having a retinue of 12—six grownup bridesmaids, and three little girls and little boys who will walk up the aisle hand in hand.

Miss Audrey and Miss Rhoda Harris, the bridegroom's sisters, Miss Leonora Baring, Miss Cecilia Waring, Miss Diana Renshaw, and the Hon Margaret Lane-Fox will wear full skirted dresses with shirred bodices.

Shirred apricot organdie dresses will be worn by the little girls, and ottoman silk trousers and organdi shirts by the pages. Miss Coates's niece and nephew, Belinda Jane and Aidan Cuthbert, the Hon. Pelline Acton, Sally Colville, the Hon. Raymond O'Neill and Simon Enthoven are the child attendants.

Lady Crewe is lending her new house, Argyll House, in King's Road, Chelsea, for the wedding reception. Lord Crewe is Miss Coates's grandfather. This charming old house, with its lovely little garden, will make an ideal setting for the occasion.

The Garter Ceremony

Two pages will carry the train of the dark blue velvet mantle to be worn by Queen Elizabeth at St George's Chapel, Windsor, on June 14, when the King holds a Chapter of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The mantle of Queen Mary—the only other Lady of the Garter—will also be carried by two pages.

The Queens, like the King, wear the mantle of a sovereign.

Queen Elizabeth's mantle was only completed a short time ago. It will be the first occasion on which she has worn it.

Queen Mary will walk in front of the King in the procession. The King and Queen will come last, walking side by side.

The Queens will have wide black Garter hats with plumes of ostrich and heron feathers.

A Memorable Party

Although the Derby night party at Londonderry House was such a notable function, Lady Londonderry achieved her aim of keeping it a small and in many ways informal affair.

Several of the Queen's friends had been invited. The dinner party was held in the spacious ground-floor dining-room. A number of the wives of Jockey Club members were also among Lady Londonderry's guests.

After dining at Buckingham Palace at the King's party for the Jockey Club members, Lord Londonderry returned to his Park-lane home in time

BRIDE'S "TOP KNOT"

A net veil gathered in a knot at the top of the head was strikingly worn by Miss Ann Watson-Hughes on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Anthony Norman in London recently.

for the later part of the programme Dancing and a delightful musical programme contributed to a very pleasant and memorable evening.

Silver Birch

Summer fields and copses are being reproduced as decoration schemes for Mayfair ceremonies and functions.

Silver birches formed woodland groups in a West End ballroom last night at the débutante dance given by Mrs. Edward Compton, Mrs. Crocker Bulteel and Mr. George Drummond.

Cornfield Decorations

The unwanted gardens of country estates that are being broken up are supplying florists with new ideas for June dances.

Flaming azealea mollis, usually unobtainable in quantities, was gathered in masses from one of these gardens for last night's ball. It was arranged to look as if growing.

A cornfield is being reproduced in a West End church for the marriage to-morrow of Mr. George Holden and Miss Betty Shaw.

Tall grasses are being mingled with scarlet poppies and cornflowers at All Souls', Langham Place.

The bridesmaids are carrying field sheaves, composed of this harvest of the cornfields.

Baby Princess's Cradle Song

Princess Alexandra, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, now has her own cradle-song. It was performed yesterday at a recital given before members of the Royal Family by the composer, Votichenko.

The Duchess of Kent has accepted the lullaby on behalf of her baby daughter.

Little Princess Alexandra is a delightful baby. Everyone who meets

TAILORED IN IVORY

Lapels have become almost totally eclipsed this season as is shown by this ivory white wool tailored suit. Quadruple stitching goes all around the edge of the jacket, which is belted in skipper blue kid. The shoulders are padded and tucked.

her is charmed by her smile and by her beautifully shaped hands, with long, delicate fingers.

Bright Colours

Royal Blue, that bright colour which is even stronger in blue than either sapphire or "marine," was worn by several guests at the marriage of Lord Carew and Lady Sylvia Maitland in St. Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday.

Lady Landerdale wore it in chiffon and crepe, with a large flat straw hat in the same colour, the loosely draped coat trimmed with smoke-grey fox. Lady Carew wore it in a slightly darker shade, with a bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Princess Vigo of Denmark, who mingled with the many guests entering the north door at the same time, was in black with a bright blue sac coat and blue hat.

Lady Sylvia's wedding dress in gold brocade was in a design of Scottish thistles, with their full feathery flowers and long graceful thin leaves.

Hand in hand, the twin pages walked up the aisle in front of the six little girls in white and gold organdie, the boys glancing down now and then with pride at their miniature swords, worn with the scarlet jackets of the 19th century uniforms.

BEACH COSTUME JEWELLERY

Beach jewellery is something so delight the hearts of girls who would rather bask in the sun than swim in the surf. From large clips, in the shape of fish, sea serpents and the like, to wear on beach dresses and pajamas, to pins, beads, bracelets and rings to which salt water will not injure is the rage of the moment.

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THE RUSSIAN WOMEN'S HOSTEL

Good Work Done By Local Institution

At the present moment, when a reawakened social interest has brought the fate of Russian women in the Far East in general and in Shanghai in particular into the limelight once more, it is especially timely to remind readers of the useful activity which is inconspicuously and quietly carried on by the Russian Women's Hostel.

This institution, founded just twenty months ago with the idea of helping those Russian women and girls who either come to Shanghai, having no friends, no job and no money, or are getting so little that they can hardly make both ends meet, has proved a real haven of salvation for them. By the possibilities it offers they are saved from making debts, which would sooner or later create for them an intolerable financial position and also from the ever-present danger of taking "the easiest way", which is especially serious in Shanghai.

On the other hand the Hostel ensures, for many women and girls without specialty or profession, comfortable existence during the difficult period when they are acquiring some useful knowledge, enabling them to earn their living in future. The close contact established between the Hostel and the Ecole Professionelle Francaise proves very useful in this respect, as the inmates of the Hostel are entitled to scholarships, being second only to the former students of the Ecole Remi.

Good Health, Morals

The Russian Women's Hostel is established for women of good health and morals, as well as of unimpaired working ability. The candidates must present a medical certificate and references from organizations or well-known citizens. These measures enable the management to make a certain selection, made necessary by th limited number of vacancies and by the wish to maintain the standard of the Hostel as high as possible.

As all of the inmates are able to work for their living, they are satisfied to get only temporary shelter at the Hostel, leaving it as soon as they obtain good jobs. In this way the Hostel administration is able to give assistance to a greater number of women.

Those among them who have some kind of employment, pay a nominal price for their lodging and board, this price being varied in accordance with their earnings.

Naturally, the money received from the girls themselves would cover only a small part of the expenses which are necessary for the maintenance of the Hostel and its very existence would be impossible, if it had not been for the generous financial help received from Sir Victor Sassoon, the Caisse des Oeuvres and other sources. During the current year the Hostel has received Sh$1,500 from Sir Victor Sassoon, Sh$1.000 from the Caisse des Oeuvres and Sh$600 from the Nansen Committee. It is also important to mention that the French Catholic Mission is leasing a spacious house to the Hostel on specially favourable terms.

Other Aid

In its organization period the Committee received donations of all kinds from members of various communities, these gifts ranging from complete sets of furniture to books and magazines. These manifestations of sympathy and generosity have been of great importance in helping the development of the Hostel.

At present, too, the work done by the Hostel finds many sympathizers who are ready to help the Committee in some way. Especially valuable is the free medical help given by Dr. J. Rabaute, Health Inspector of the French Municipal Council, and Dr. A. Civray.

The Hostel is managed by an energetic Committee, headed by Mme Marcel Darre, President, appointed to this post by the French Consul General. It consists of Mrs. E. L. Unterberger and Mrs. T. P. Homiakoff, Vice-Presidents, Mr. P. R. Guillemont, Treasurer; Mr. H. E. Denny, Honorary Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Tarassoff, Mrs. E. F. Hardman and Mrs. J. W. P. Marsh, members.

Mrs. N. H. Veiss is holding the post of matron, ever since the Hostel was opened.

"Our main ambition is to make the girls feel at home," said Mrs. N. H. Veiss, showing a representative of the press through the bright comfortable rooms with the unmistakable feminine touch lending them charm and distinction. "We do not want the Hostel to convey that drab, official impression, which is the curse of so many charitable institutions.

"At present we have eight boarders and one who is coming here for her meals," Mrs. Veiss went on. "They are all very busy. One of them (a young girl of 16) is giving lessons, four others have permanent jobs, in a drug store, a hairdressing salon, a photographic studio and an office, respectively, one is taking orders for ladies' dresses, and two are studying at the Ecole Professionelle. The salaries of those who are working average about Sh.$25-30 per month, and it is clear that they would not be able to exist with such an income, without making debts.

Lucky in Jobs

"I must say that our inmates are rather lucky in getting jobs," the matron added. "Our records show 104 women and girls who have been here from the beginning, and they are all working now. Many of them are quite satisfied and one is even getting as much as Sh.$100, with all expenses paid. Naturally this is a case of rare luck. Those who were out of job while they were staying here have also succeeded in securing employment. I was very much touched and gratified, when one of the girls who used to live here and then got a job in another city, sent me of her own free will a small sum of money to cover part of what she considers to be her debt to us. In the matter of employment the Ecole Professionelle is doing a great deal for our girls, who are getting there practical knowledge enabling them to face life without apprehension.

"I sincerely hope that the Hostel which has already proved an institution of vital necessity for the Russian community, will continue its present development," Mrs. Veiss concluded.

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Add Colour and Sparkle to Light Lunches with Gay Jellied Entrées

By FRANCES LEE BARTON

One Bright Attractive Dish Will Make any Light Meal a Success

If you want to keep your reputation as a clever hostess, don't make the mistake of giving very little thought to light meals! For they can be uninteresting and unattractive, or they can be just about the most appetizing and delicious meals you can prepare. And they can be satisfying, too, for *good* food, attractively served, is always pleasing, even in small quantities.

How does this sound for a tasty luncheon dish:

Spicy Beet with Bacon Grill

1 package Lemon Jell-O
1 pint warm water
1 cup diced cooked beets
¾ cup diced apples
¼ cup prepared horse-radish
½ teaspoon scraped onion
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon caraway seed
1 tablespoon vinegar

Dissolve Jell-O in warm water. Chill until slightly thickened. Combine remaining ingredients and fold at once into slightly thickened Jell-O. Turn into individual moulds. Chill until firm. Makes 8 moulds.

Prepare luncheon plate of broiled bacon, toast points, and a Jell-O mould, unmoulded on crisp lettuce.

Or, if it's a light supper you have in mind, serve:

Sunny Orange Supper Plate

1 package Orange Jell-O
1 cup warm water
1 cup orange juice and water
2 oranges, sections free from membrane and diced
1 cup diced celery, salted
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vinegar
Dash of tabasco

Dissolve Jell-O in warm water. Add orange juice and water. Chill. Combine oranges, celery, salt, vinegar, and tabasco; fold at once into slightly thickened Jell-O. Turn into individual moulds. Chill until firm. Makes 8 moulds.

Prepare supper plate of thin slices of cold roast duck, turkey, pork, or boiled tongue, bran muffins, and a Jell-O mould, unmoulded on crisp lettuce or water cress.

You'll find either of these colourful, delicious dishes takes the place of heavier, heartier meals on warm days—and don't forget that they're easy and economical to prepare, too.

If you want a salad for your warm weather meals, here's a good suggestion:

Chinese Salad

1 package Lime Jell-O
1¾ cups warm water
¼ cup vinegar
½ teaspoon salt
1¼ cups drained, fresh or tinned Chinese bean sprouts
2 tablespoons chopped green onion
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento

Dissolve Jell-O in warm water. Add vinegar and salt. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in remaining ingredients. Turn into mould. Chill until firm. Unmould on crisp lettuce. Garnish with mayonnaise. Serves 6.

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